



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

9th April 2023— Easter Sunday



**“I have risen, and
I am with you still”**

While happy to write this week about this joyous feast, my reflections are coloured by the recent death of my Dad. Over the last weeks I have been grieving his loss, while coming to appreciate even more the gift of his life and all that his life and death means to me and my siblings. I’ve been reflecting on how much he remains present with us in the hearts, memories, and the very DNA, of his large family, and how our lives are already changing to accommodate both his absence and his presence. Although he has gone, there is a certain peace that comes from knowing he is with us still.

When my mum died some years ago, an aunt said to me “Your mum will never be dead while you’re alive”. I know she was referring to how much I look like Mum. This came back to me as I settled to reflect on what it means to say that Christ is risen and with us still. To what degree do we look like, act like, live like the One who called us into being? What does it mean now to have ‘put on Christ’? To become the body of Christ? I know there are theological answers to these questions, but for me this Easter, I’m finding it helpful to meditate on God present in my life (or my life in God) in light of that inextricable connection I have with my departed parents, and their impact on who I am and how I live my life.

I pray for joy for all of us this Easter; that we, in this community in South Christchurch, may recognise and appreciate the risen Christ present in each other, and continue to grow into the likeness of our Founder .

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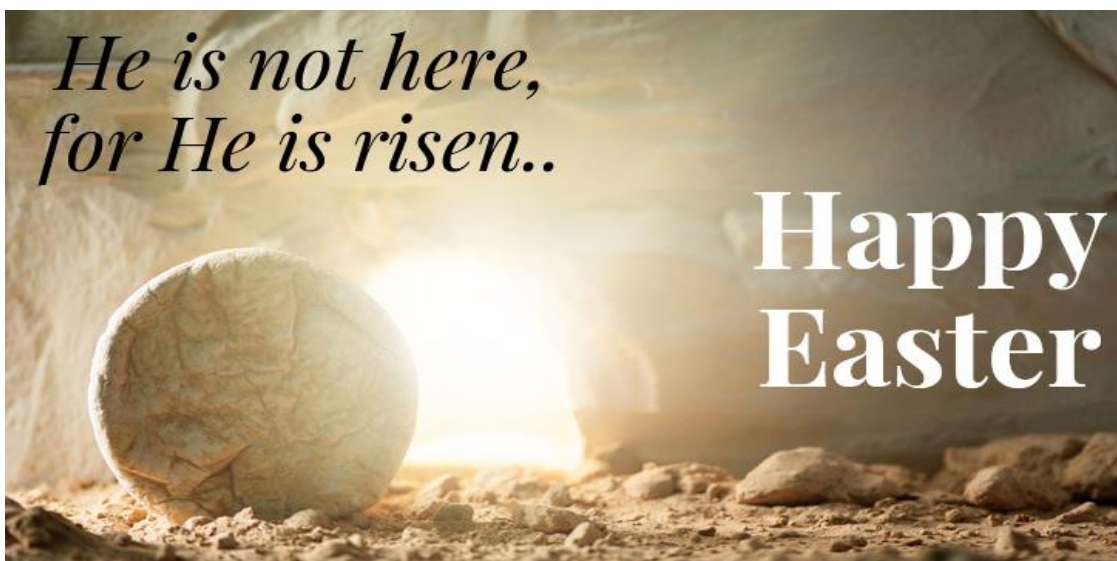
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READINGS (Year A) Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Response: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Next Week: (Year A) Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

These are also on the Parish App under **Readings**.



PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: there will be *no 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart* this *Monday, 10th April* (Easter Monday).

SENIORS MASS: will be held at **Sts Peter & Pauls, Halswell on Tuesday 19th April at 1.30pm** followed by a cup of tea. If anyone would like to be picked up please ring the parish secretary on 338 8395 or email Joanne Hope pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

BLOKES CUPPA: A chatty coffee morning tea for men of the parish (Gold Coin donation). **Thursday 13th April 10-11.30 am St Peters Church Hall, Beckenham.** All welcome.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: that have not been collected are now at the parish office.

THANK YOU to those of you who have recently begun or increased your planned giving. We appreciate the generosity of all those who give to support the parish.

RECEIPTS will be emailed out before the end of April. If you require a hardcopy please contact the parish office.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE HALSWELL:
Lotto results for Week five**

Winner – No 17 – Janice Torrance
Runners up – No 16 – Margaret McGowan
 No 18 – Mary Goodwin
Thank you Helen Hutching

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION:

All parishioners from the diocese are warmly invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at **St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Sunday 16th April**. Mass will be at **4.30 pm**



celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen, preceded by confessions at 2.30pm and Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm. Contact: Pat Barrett 03 359 2087

Do you want to build your faith? Check out formed.org watch.formed.org

REWARDING VOLUNTEER POSTION— FLOURISH OP SHOP: Join our friendly volunteer team at Flourish Op Shop, 143 Colombo St, Sydenham, either serving customers or sorting out the back. We need your help now. All Flourish proceeds support our Pregnancy Choice Centre. If you can commit to one day/half day per week, please phone/email Rhonda on: 351 3227 or nurturetrustgm@gmail.com

BOARD AVAILABLE: Woman parishioner in her early 60's is looking for a trustworthy mature woman who could board in her home with her. The room is fully furnished with own bathroom. If you are interested or you know of someone, please call Margaret on 0274057199

Parish Collections 2 April
Parish \$2,363 Clergy Fund \$1,181

Next Special Collection:
Easter Sunday – supporting the Diocesan Clergy

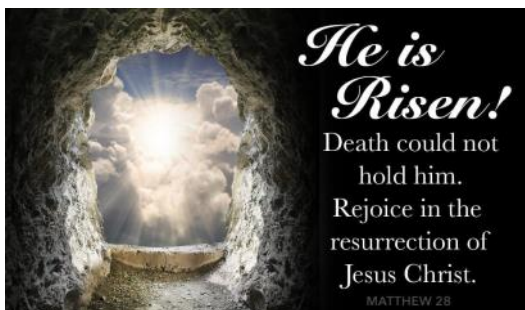
Parish account for donations
Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20 Thank you

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:
Please remember to give generously to the **Holy Places collection on Good Friday.** Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land.

Mass Intentions: Angela Sosa, Trevor Gibbs, Margaret Stevenson, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Kathy Williams (anniv), Matthew Williams (anniv)

Please Pray for all those with Anniversari this time: Kathy Williams, Matthew Williams

Please Pray for Recently Deceased: Sulia Parr, Shona Sullivan



**Catholic Parish of Christchurch
South: Mass Times**

Addington - Sacred Heart
70 Spencer Street
Monday 6.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.00am
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sacred Heart:
Saturday 10.30am–11.30am
or by appointment with a Priest

Exposition at Sacred Heart
Friday 9.30am until 10.30am
Saturday 9.30am until 11.30am

Beckenham - St Peter's
11 Fisher Avenue
Sunday 9.00am
Thursday 11.00am*
(*School Term only)

Carmel Monastery
52 Halswell Road
Daily 8.30am

Halswell - Sts Peter & Paul
56 Nicholls Road
Thursday 9.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am

Hoon Hay
Our Lady of the Assumption
170 Hoon Hay Road
Sunday 9.00am
Friday 11.00am*
(*School Term only)

Baptisms 2nd Sunday of the month.
Contact the Parish Office on 338 8395

Primary Schools

Our Lady of Assumption
Ph 338 9503,
www.ola.school.nz/Home/

Sacred Heart, Ph 338 3247,
www.sacredheartchch.school.nz

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,
www.saintpeters.school.nz